



Glendale Celebrates Twenty Twinkling Years of Holiday Magic!

Glendale will be illuminating 16 dazzling blocks with 1.5 million lights for the 20th year of its award-winning holiday tradition, beginning with opening weekend Nov. 29 - 30, 5 - 10 p.m. each evening. As Glendale Glitters has grown from a few trees decorated with lights in Murphy Park in 1994, to the spectacular tradition it is today, it has become a holiday tradition for families year after year.

Admission is free. The exciting stage show on Friday night begins at 5:30 p.m., counting down to the flipping of the switch to illuminate the entire downtown area. Visitors of all ages will delight in the outstanding holiday entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland,

petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

Preferred parking is available in the downtown area at two sites, for just \$10. Also, free shuttles run all evening long, between 4:30 -10:30 p.m. from Glendale Community College, at 59th and Olive avenues.

The holiday magic continues with events each Friday and Saturday through Dec. 21 from 6-10 p.m., and lights will be sparkling nightly through Jan. 11, from 4-10 p.m.

INFO: 623-930-2299 or glendaleaz.com/events



December Weekends: Friday and Saturday nights from 6-10 p.m.

Dec. 6 & 7: Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend

Dec. 13 & 14: Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend

Dec. 20 & 21: Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights

Glendale Collects Cell Phones for America Recycles Day

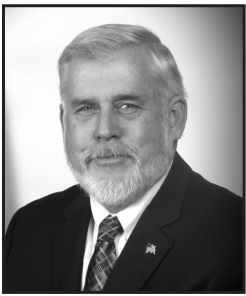
Time to clean out the drawers for those old cell phones! In celebration of America Recycles Day on November 1, Glendale has developed a special cell phone-recycling program, which will run the entire month of November. The public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at Jobing.com Arena at Gate 3 on the Northwest corner of the building, at the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau or at any of Glendale's three public libraries. After the cell

phone collection, the Glendale Family Advocacy Center will collect and arrange the phones for recycling. Once the cell phones are refurbished, they will become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence. Statistics show that cell phones are replaced approximately after only 18-months of use. With toxic elements found in cell phones, it is important to keep cell phones out of landfills. INFO: 623-930-2660

Annual Holiday Open House November 9

Start your holiday shopping at the Annual Holiday Open House in Historic Downtown Glendale. Enjoy spectacular shopping, delicious dining and plenty of free parking. Join us Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Many of the shops will extend their hours into the evening. Shops throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court will be decorated and filled with gifts, decorations, home décor and all your needs for the holidays. Event attendees

can also participate in a community tree decorating project just in time for Glendale Glitters. In addition, the Glendale Visitor Center is collecting items for a "Stockings for Soldiers" drive to send care packages to deployed service men and women. For a complete list of needed items and more information about the event, call 623-930-4500 or log on to visitglendale.com.



A Message from Mayor Jerry Weiers

Fall is the season of giving thanks.

Fall is the season of giving thanks. I am grateful to be your mayor and support the resurgence of Glendale as we rise through our challenges. We have faced more than our fair share of adversity – but through it all I have never lost sight of what is most important: our Glendale residents.

It is in this spirit that I want to take a moment to highlight some major events happening in November and December that can help bring us together in celebration of the season and our beloved City.

At the end of November, we will officially kick off the holidays with Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend on November 29-30. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Glendale Glitters!

The following weekend (Dec. 6-7) is our Spirit of Giving Weekend. Additionally, that Saturday (Dec. 7) a group of private citizens will

be hosting a Christmas parade in Downtown starting at 10 a.m. Details are available at www.hometownchristmasparade.org.

Glendale Glitters continues on the following weekends with our Winter Wonderland Weekend (Dec. 13-14) and Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights (Dec. 20-21).

I hope that you will be able to enjoy some of these events. Despite our challenges, there is still so much good in our lives and our City. Let these festivals help remind us all of how blessed we truly are to have such long-standing community traditions.

As always, you can reach me by phone at 623-930-2260 or email at mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com. You can also follow me on Facebook (facebook.com/MayorWeiers) or Twitter (@MayorWeiers).

Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Free Library Events

My Kids in Sign begins November 2

Interested in sign language? Join us at the Glendale Main Library in the Auditorium on Saturday, November 2 from 1 – 3 p.m. for your chance to learn some sign language and express yourself through musical interpretation. Workshops continue November 9, 16, 23 and 30. Performances will be held on December 7 at 1 and 3 p.m. Additional rehearsals will be held December 2, 3 and 4. Registration opens October 19 at glendaleaz.com/library or call 623-930-3537.

Hunger Games Monopoly November 18

Are the odds really in your favor? Find out at this team-based, life sized board game based on The Hunger Games! You and your fellow tributes will trade, haggle, scheme and plot to be the Ultimate Victors. Registration opens November 4. Attendees must be between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Hunger Games Monopoly will be held on Monday, November 18 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.). INFO: 623-930-3537

Keep FOG Out of Drains to Protect Our Wastewater System

As holiday season is approaching and many families will be gathering for large feasts, remember that fats, oils and grease (FOG) should not be poured down your drain. It can cause costly sewer blockages and overflows that can damage homes, threaten the environment and cause health hazards. The easiest way to solve the problem of grease blockage is to keep grease out of the drains in the first place. Here are some disposal tips:

- Scrape food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal. Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids. Empty the drain baskets or strainers into the trash.
- For small amounts of oil or grease, soak it up with paper towels and dispose in the trash.
- For amounts ranging from a cup to a pint, pour the grease or oil into a container and freeze it. Put the frozen grease into the trash the day your trash is collected. Try to use a non-recyclable container if possible. If you have none available, a tin can works well.
- For moderate amounts from a pint to a gallon, use cat litter to solidify the grease or oil. Put the cat litter in a double-lined plastic bag and pour the grease into the bag. Be sure there is no free liquid before tying the bag shut.

For additional information, contact our Water Services Department at 623-930-4779 or visit glendaleaz.com/waterservices.



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For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

Please note that due to printing deadlines, we encourage you to check our online version of this newsletter at glendaleaz.com/connection for the most up-to-date event information and details.